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Dear Sirs:

Many of Microsoft's business practices were predatory and worthy of praise only by Attila the Hun. No one disputes that they got caught doing illegal dealings that smack of Nazi power plays. I feel the most sorry for their so-called partners, not their rivals. I recall overhearing the last part of a tv news broadcast describing some of what they had forced their partners to do, and it was a shock when I realized that they were talking about Microsoft -- I had thought they were discussing Mafia business practices.

I feel that Microsoft has harmed us all by forcing companies and consumers to take their software junk and thereby limit our choices, and also that also limits the directions for software and hardware development in the future. America has always been the land of choices -- don't let Microsoft take that freedom away from us.

I am shocked that after the USDOJ found Microsoft to be guilty of being the largest monopoly in history that you would then turn around and be the wimpiest bunch of fools I've ever heard of and let them get away with it. If you don't take measures now to stop them, you will be proving to the whole world that you're on their payroll, too. Get some guts and put a stop to them. Separate the OS division from the rest of the company. Make them show some ethics for a change. Make them let consumers have choices instead of the omnipotent Bill deciding what we should have. Make them really have to compete and the whole technology market will improve.

Sincerely,

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